

# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 1668

This is a two-part Program Memorandum (PM). Part One is directed to all intermediaries. Part Two is directed only to intermediaries that are users of the Fiscal Intermediary Standard System and currently issuing the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN).

**SUBJECT: Inclusion of Medicare Paid Provider Message and Removal of the Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Code from Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)**

### **PART ONE: Inclusion of Medicare Paid Provider Message**

In order to comply with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 requirement that states HCFA must list the amount of Medicare payment for each service, Medicare payment information must be included on all Part A Benefit notices. The following new message 16.53 should be printed on all intermediary generated notices, including the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN), Notice of Utilization (NOU) and Explanation of Medicare Benefits (EOMB):

**"The amount Medicare paid the provider for this claim is \$\_\_\_."**

The Spanish translation for those intermediaries issuing notices in Spanish is:

**"La cantidad que Medicare pagó al proveedor por esta reclamación es \$\_\_\_\_\_."**

The message should be printed at the claim level and should be calculated based on the total amount Medicare paid the provider, including any applicable outlier and/or interest payments. Intermediaries are instructed to inform and educate Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) about the new message and the calculation of the Medicare payment amount to ensure that CSRs are able to answer questions.

### **PART TWO: Removal of the Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Code**

As a result of implementation of the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), effective for claims with dates of service on or after August 1, 2000, the MSN was modified to reflect the addition of an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) number. Under certain circumstances, the APC code is overwriting the Amount Charged column. Therefore, the APC code should no longer be displayed and must be removed from the MSN.

**The *effective date* for this PM is October 1, 2001.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2001.**

**Funding will be made available through the regular budget process for implementation.**

**This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2002.**

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